

LA County Municipal Storm Water Permit 2008 Annual Report: City of Walnut

Assessment of Program Effectives

The City of Walnut continues to implement the MS4 requirements as reasonably as possible given time and budget constraints. Since the majority of the agencies responsible to implement these requirements are contractual, the administrator is able to objectively evaluate procedural effectiveness and responsiveness of the program. The training program developed by the contract administrator is concise, informative and effective. All agencies have been responsive to the City's needs. The program review process allows the City to quickly identify and remedy any unfavorable practices. All avenues are reviewed in order to effect the most efficient and cost effective development to implement program requirements. City Council, commissioners and staff are striving to implement the MS4 requirements through code amendments, developments, education and enforcement. It is through a collective effort of elected officials, staff, developers, business owners and residents that the City is able to implement the requirements. Walnut's ongoing efforts would be rated at 8.5.

General observations that may indicate positive behavioral changes based on program implementation/public education include:

Program/Effort:	Observations/Outcome:
Installation of pet waste stations at all City parks	Increased use of bags, increased deposit of filled bags into waste station collection bin
Creation and distribution of environmentally-based Commemorative Calendar	Positive public comment, increased request for free used oil containers (publicized in calendar).
School Outreach: Staff meet with the Environmental Club at Suzanne Middle School and Walnut High School to provide information and community opportunities. Staff also provided classroom recycling bins to one middle school and four elementary schools.	Increased participation of school clubs in community events and park clean up days. Requests by additional schools for recycling bins. Positive comments from school officials, teachers and parents on outreach efforts and recycling bins.